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SUBJ: RAKOTONIAINA NAMED NEW PRIME MINISTER

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1. MINISTER OF EDUCATION, JUSTIN RAKOTONIAINA, 42, WAS NAMED NEW PRIME MINISTER AUGUST 12 TO SUCCEED LATE COLONEL JOEL RAKOTOMALALA, KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH JULY 30. BY PROFESSION A PROFESSOR OF LAW, PRIMARILY BUSINESS LAW, RAKOTONIAINA FIRST CAME TO PUBLIC'S ATTENTION AS MEMBER OF MALAGASY DELEGATION (HEADED BY THEN-FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOW PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA) WHICH NEGOTIATED NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH IN 1973. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA, PROBABLY AS RESULT OF RATSIRAKA'S INSISTENCE, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE REMAIN UNTIL RATSIRAKA TOOK POWER IN JUNE 1975 AND NAMED RAKOTONIAINA AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION. RAKOTONIAINA IS MEMBER OF BETSILEO TRIBE, SAME AS LATE PM RAKTOMALALA, WHICH IS CENTERED IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF MADAGASCAR'S HIGH PLATEAU AROUND LARGE CITY OF FIANARANTSOA.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON RADIO MADAGASCAR, WHICH ADDED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY AUGUST 22.

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